

SW WA Knotweed Control Pilot Program

- \$500,000 dollars appropriated for control in '04
- Monies specified for use only in Southwest Counties
- WSDA contracted with county weed boards (Skamania, Clark, Lewis, Pacific), State Parks, and The Nature Conservancy to conduct control

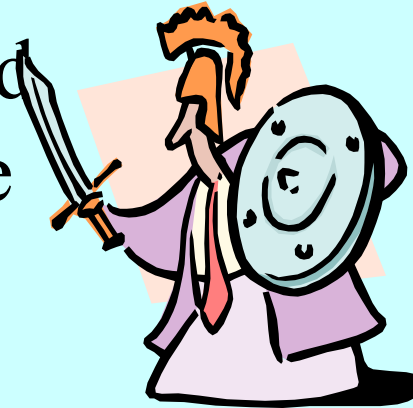


Control Strategies

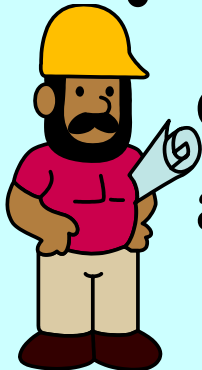
- Control concentrated on stream corridors, which are the fastest areas of spread
- Whenever possible, work conducted from the top of the watersheds in a downstream direction to preclude the reinfestation of treated areas
- Utilize IPM strategies, including mix of foliar and injection herbicide treatments, and stem bending in areas where herbicide use is not allowed

Permitting and Licensing

- Herbicide use in riparian areas requires the protection of WSDA's Noxious Weed Control National Pollution Discharge Elimination System permit



- Work along streams required to be completed under the supervision of an aquatically endorsed licensed applicator



Future of the Program

- Contract with WSU to evaluate efficacy of differing treatments
- Future control programs will utilize this information to choose the best known treatment strategies
- Will build on success of the current program while looking to expand statewide

Funding Outlook

- WSDA has requested a carry forward budget for \$500,000 for each fiscal year in the next biennium
- This supplementary budget would extend the program statewide
- Call for proposals will go out in early spring in anticipation of receipt of funding